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Inclusion of Hosdrug subdivision in Malabar zone.

* 199 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether Hosdrug sub-taluk of Kasaragod taluk in South Kanara district has been cordoned off from South Kanara to prevent rice being smuggled into Malabar?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Yes; Government have decided to take out the Hosdrug sub-taluk from the South Kanara zone and to add it to the Malabar zone."

Fixation of price for sugarcane.

* 200 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member, Sri C. H. Indrayya is not in his place. So the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri C. H. INDRAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations recently from sugarcane growing ryots in the State requesting not to reduce prices;

(*b*) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government a reduction of price for sugarcane which is supplied to the sugar factories in the ensuing season; and

(*c*) if so, on what basis such recommendation was made?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The question does not arise."

Collection of statistics with regard to fish catches.

* 202 *Q.*—Dr. K. B. MENON: (on behalf of Sri P. V. R. Gajapathi Raju): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of statistical officers appointed by the Government for collection of statistics with regard to the fish catches; and

(*b*) whether such statistics are separately collected for the Andhra area?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) No separate statistical officers are appointed by the Government for the purpose. However, Marine Fishery statistics, census of fishermen, tackle, etc., are being compiled in the Marine Biological Station, West Hill, under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Fisheries (Marine Biology), West Hill. Details of the daily landing of fish are recorded by the staff of the fish-curing yards. Inland fisheries statistics are being collected from all districts by the regular executive staff of the Fisheries department and then compiled by one Statistical Assistant attached to the Fresh Water Fisheries Biological Station, Chetput.

" (*b*) No."

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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, are the statistics made available to the public; if it is not made available to the public, will that be made available to the Members of this House? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It will be considered."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" May I know, Sir, what steps Government are taking for the increased catching of fish in order to ease the food situation, and will Government also give statistics to show how many members of the fishermen community are employed in this department? "

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

Nominations to district boards from Pudukkottai State.

* 203 *Q.*—Sri R. M. PALANIAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many members, if any, have been nominated to the concerned district boards from Pudukkottai State ; and

(*b*) if none, when will the nominations take place?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) No members have been nominated to the Tiruchirappalli District Board to represent the merged area of Pudukkottai.

" (*b*) The question of nomination is under consideration."

Sri A. RAMASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Chief Minister is aware of the fact that there was wanton delay and the previous Ministry played a dirty trick on the nomination, chiefly to please the Member who is in charge of the Tiruchirappalli District Board? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Chief Minister would like to have notice." (Laughter.)

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has not the duration of 4½ years been sufficient for our Ministers to confer rights of democracy on the people of Pudukkottai in regard to Tiruchirappalli District Board? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Act was published in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, only on 27th March 1951. The previous Government thought that there was no urgency; and this Government also thought that the district board elections would be over by October or November, and so it was felt there was no urgency. Now that the district board elections are being postponed, the nominations are under consideration and they will be duly dealt with."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that elections to the district boards had been postponed. The